



The Trinity Times

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WELCOME TO Trinity United Methodist Church

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Dear friends,

Lent is past and for the next fifty days we will be focused on the new life made possible through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the ancient church, the season of Lent was used to prepare new converts to receive the sacrament of baptism. This season of preparation included a great deal of prayer and fasting and very little instruction. The time of instruction came during the season of Easter when the new catechumens had already been baptized.

In keeping with that ancient tradition, Trinity will present a seven-week sermon series that uses the book of Acts to illuminate the baptismal vows found in the official liturgy of the United Methodist Church. (For anyone interested in looking ahead these vows can be found on page 34 of the United Methodist Hymnal, or online at: <http://www.kintera.org/atf/cf/%7B1B7826e280-598f-460a-b9a7386734470eda%7D/BAPTISMAL-RITUAL-REVISED.PDF>)

The book of Acts tells the story of the birth and infancy of the Christian church. It provides insight into the way that the Apostles understood what it means to be a baptized believer and disciple of Jesus Christ. By listening to their story, we can better learn how to live into the vows made at our baptism. If you have friends who are curious about the meaning of baptism and/or what it means to live as a Christian, this month would be a great time to invite them to worship.

May God continue to bless us all,
Pastor Bob

Pastor's Corner



Rev. Bob Clark
Pastor

Christ
is
Risen!



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FUN IN PROGRESS SENIORS will meet Wednesday, April 27, at 1 PM for lunch at Salsalito Mexican Restaurant, 11703 Bandera Rd. (at Bandera Pointe Shopping Center). All Trinity members and friends are invited. Please join us!

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in my last article I quoted someone by saying, "Life is what happens when you're making other plans." I had no idea how prophetic I was being. Only a few days after the article was included in the February newsletter, I fell and broke the neck portion of my femur! Since that day I have said, "If only..." over and over. If only I could relive that one nanosecond and pay attention to where I was before I fell! I am now into my seventh week of rehabilitation. I still am not allowed to put my right sock on by myself. I still am not allowed to pick up anything off the floor unless I use my reacher (I call it Jack). I still am not allowed to sleep in any position except on my back...unless I fall asleep sitting up while watching TV! Lucky for most of you, I am still not allowed to drive a car.

Amazingly though, I have learned a great lesson! I have learned how much people care - or not. For instance, my husband has always taken for granted that I am physically strong and capable of doing most things, myself. For the past 7 weeks, he has "stepped up to the plate" and has done quite a few things for me and for the household. I have not prepared a meal since the morning I fell (Feb. 3)! I



was surprised and touched to receive telephone calls, cards, flowers, gifts, emails, and hugs from church people and others. Tom and I have received many meals from church people and others. (Thanks to my daughter-in-law Shadia for coordinating that). Friends have picked me up to take me out to eat. Friends have picked me up to get me to choir practice, church services, a birthday luncheon, and back home from a funeral. (Thanks to Cynthia for tenaciously getting it all coordinated). Members of the bell choir and Chancel choir filled in where I was

supposed to be. Trust me; all these gestures have been greatly appreciated! If you were one of the givers, thank you! So, I have learned not only how much people care, but how important it is!

On the flip side of this, I must tell you that I also noticed the absence of receiving these things from certain people. I realize that while one is at church, one may notice someone's absence but forget by the time one gets home. In the past I have been telling myself that my one call (card, email, whatever) won't make any difference or might even be an interruption or too stressful to the recipient. I have learned that that is just not true! Nearly all phones now have caller I.D.; so if those people don't want to talk, they can simply choose to not answer. Please understand that someone's misfortune is one of God's ways of giving you an opportunity to reach out to others. We are here to show love, to let others know that we care about them, and to be a witness for Christ - and for Trinity. Trinity has only one preacher, but it has (or should have) many ministers or laypeople. When you see names on our prayer list - at least, those you know, I hope you will reach out to those people in some way. When you notice someone's absence from services, please let him know he's missed. As in my case for now, not everyone can drive someone somewhere. Not everyone has a computer, so these people cannot send emails. Just do what you can. Don't be the reason those in need think they don't matter to anyone! You might be the only one who reached out to him or her! "They'll know we are Christians by our love."

Harriet Phillips, TUMC Lay Leader



WHEN WE GIVE FROM THE HEART,
WE RECEIVE
UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS—
ESPECIALLY THE JOY OF MAKING
A DIFFERENCE IN
SOMEONE'S LIFE.

2016 Missions Special/Fourth Sunday Offerings

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January - Church World Service, Blanket Fund #982810 • February - Jireh House • March - One Great Hour of Sharing • April - Children's Shelter • May - Camperships for Youth • June - Muziti Missions (Zimbabwe) • July - San Antonio U. M. Campus Ministry Foundation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August - The Holding Institute, First UMC Laredo • September - Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) • October - Jireh House (Thanksgiving offering) • November - Fairfield Children's Homes (Omaha, NE 68114) www.fosakids.org • December - Providence Place |
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Intercessory Prayer

We at Trinity UMC take seriously our Ministry of Prayer. The Prayer Ministry team continues to pray for your loved ones even if their names are no longer on the list.

Prayer Intercessory Ministry meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., in the Null building, for a prayer meeting. Please join us.

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." -Augustine of Hippo

PEF Scholarships Available for 2016

The Permanent Endowment Fund Committee announces it will award several \$1,000 scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants must be: planning to pursue (or pursuing) degree programs in accredited colleges, universities, professional schools, graduate schools, or technical schools; and must have been active members of Trinity for at least one year prior to receiving scholarship assistance. Applications may be obtained from PEF Chair Fred Lyle or from the Church office. Completed applications must be received in the Church office no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Recipients will be announced during a worship service in May or early June.

Happy Birthday to:

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| CAROLYN MILLER | 6-Apr |
| CURTIS FOSTER | 8-Apr |
| ELOUISE COOLEY | 9-Apr |
| MADISON GILLESPIE | 10-Apr |
| ELIZABETH McCOWN | 12-Apr |
| ROBERT MILLER | 17-Apr |
| DENISE WILSON | 18-Apr |
| LOUISE LYLE | 18-Apr |
| NEIL WALKER | 22-Apr |
| CHUCK NELSEN | 25-Apr |
| JUDY McFEATERS | 25-Apr |
| SARAH WHITE | 29-Apr |

Happy Anniversary to:

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| BOB AND JOYCE PARKE | 8-Apr |
| JEREMY & JAIME WEIDA | 25-Apr |
| BILL & LIZ CAVIN | 27-Apr |

(If we have missed your special day, please notify Cynthia in the church office.)

When we joined the church, we pledged to uphold it with our prayers.

Please pray for our church every day at noon by simply saying

"JESUS I TRUST IN YOU"

"You gave them roots, we give them wings"

Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly.

**Trinity United Methodist School
210-684-5214**

Second Saturday Rummage Sales

April 9, 2016 from 9am-3pm

(Rental fee supports Habitat for Humanity)

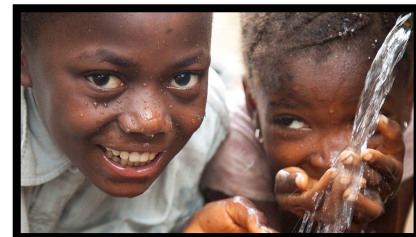
- ⇒ Rummage/Bazaar
- ⇒ Rent a table for \$10.00
- ⇒ Rent a table and a canopy for \$20.00
- ⇒ You may bring your own canopy and chairs.
- ⇒ Invite your friends, and come and have a picnic.

Trinity United Methodist Church | 6800 Wurzbach Road, 78240 | Parking lot (In gym during bad weather) | 210-684-0261 church office | OR 210-296-8866 John. Get your table early for a good location.



Muziti Water System Dedication

Friday 26th February 2016



“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them. John 7:37-38

THREE PHASES OF WATER PROJECT



PHASE 1: The water well/ borehole and pump is in this building. The pump use ZESA commercial electricity. The community built the water pump house in June 2011.



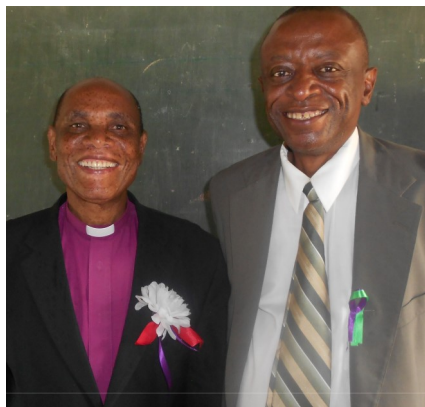
Phase 2: Construction of water storage tank has a roof. It holds 155 000 liters of water.



Phase 3: Construction of Water Distribution System was completed August 2015. It will have a Memorial Water Fountain connected to it.



“MADE POSSIBLE BY TEXAS FRIENDS OF THE MUZITI UMC AND DEDICATED BY BISHOP E.K. NHIWATIWA ON 26 FEBRUARY 2016”



Bishop E Nhiwatiwa (Left) and Tendekai B Muzorewa (Right) at the Dedication of Water.

Bishop E. Nhiwatiwa dedicated the completion of the Muziti Water System on 26th February 2016 at Muziti Mission, near Rusape, Zimbabwe. The water system consisted of a water borehole completed on 8 June 2011. Water Reservoir was completed August 2013 and a water distribution system August 2015.

The people of the United Methodist Church San Antonio District in Rio Texas conference donated US \$45 000 in a partnership with Muziti Mission to construct the Muziti water System.

The Muziti Water System major infrastructure is complete and functional ie the borehole, water reservoir and the water distribution system. The water tank in due course need to be strengthened .There is still a need to get a decision of the Muziti Mission executive to determine what how to apply an alternative form of energy. This year there is a serious shortage of food due to drought . The government has declared Zimbabwe a “State of Disaster” and importing 230 000 tons of maizes.



Bishop E Nhiwatiwa Resident Bishop Zimbabwe Annual Conference Drinking water

Fiesta de los Niños



Wow! TUMS 50th year anniversary!
Come and celebrate with us!
Food, Games, Music, and lots of Fun!
Save the date:

Saturday | April 9th | 3-7pm | church grounds

“Date Night”
Exciting Time at Trinity
April 16, 2016



TUMC's Date Night will be held in the Gym on
Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 6-9 pm.

Parents will be allowed to drop off children ages 3- 11 for planned activities:
Bible story, craft, games, snack, and a movie.

All age appropriate activities will be supervised by adults from within the church.

Tell your family members and friends. And if you are interested to help at this
Date Night event, you are more than welcome. 😊

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Youth Forum

We invite any 6th-12th grader to join us on Sunday mornings (9:45 a.m.) in the upstairs of the school building.

— Julie Vincent, youth ministry

Socials | Sharing time | Bible study | Prayer time | Fellowship | Learning

**YOUTH
MINISTRY
TRACKER**

- College Goody boxes will be packed and mailed on **April 3**. Please bring donations by then. Also, if we do not have the address of your youth, please call the church office.
- The youth have helped with the Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the church.
- We also delivered many wonderful blankets to the Center for Refugee Services. Thanks to the church for the donations.
- We stocked the church food pantry in the Souper Bowl of Caring. We gathered over 550 food items and \$78. Thank you church family. 😊
- **Youth activities coming up:**
 - ⇒ April 3- pack goody boxes
 - ⇒ April 9- Church FIESTA booth
 - ⇒ April 16- help with Parent Date Night
 - ⇒ May- recognition of Graduating High School Seniors
 - ⇒ June 20-24 - Vacation Bible School
 - ⇒ July - Mission Work Camp/Trip

Vacation Bible School

Surf Shack will be held **June 20-24** from **9:00-noon**. We need kids!!!!

Tell your kids, grandkids, neighbors, friends, family, and coworkers.

This is a **free program** we put on for **children ages 3-5th grade**.

We put on a super-quality program!
Make plans to be there.

Registration coming soon!

